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There is no Nlets online access to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). The United States Congress passed The Missing Children's Assistance Act in 1984; then in 1990, the National Child Search Assistance Act (42 USC §§ 5771 and 5780), thus establishing a national clearinghouse of information about missing and exploited children. This clearinghouse was named the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC).

A private, non-profit organization, NCMEC acts as a resource for searching parents and law enforcement professionals in their efforts to find and recover missing and abducted children. NCMEC also disseminates information to raise public awareness regarding the issues of child molestation, victimization, and sexual exploitation.

The NCMEC staff provide the following types of services:

- a 24-hour, toll-free Hotline & Cyber Tipline 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) to accept reports of missing children, as well as lead information, on missing and sexually exploited children
- photograph and poster preparation and distribution
- age enhancement, facial reconstruction, and imaging/identification services
- technical case assistance
- educational materials and publications
- an Internet website <http://www.missingkids.com>.

In addition, as the national clearinghouse for missing children leads/sightings, NCMEC disseminates this information to state missing children's clearinghouses and to the appropriate investigating agencies daily. NCMEC has a special interest site on the FBI's Law Enforcement Online (LEO) system where "law enforcement only" information is available.

NCMEC's International Division assists parents and law enforcement that are seeking help in preventing or resolving international child abductions.

NCMEC's Exploited Children's Unit can provide technical assistance about child pornography, non family sexual exploitation, Internet related, Child prostitution, and sex tourism cases. The unit works with federal law enforcement agencies by collecting and disseminating leads in these types of cases. For technical assistance or additional information, law enforcement officers may contact:

Please visit NCMEC's web site at <http://www.missingkids.com> to learn more about NCMEC.

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